

What people say

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◆ Posted by Cde kapiye Timotheus

Merry Christmas and happy new year 2011 to all SWAPO party CDES. CDES remember don't drink and drive. drive safety. special wishes to his excellency Cde Pohamba, founding president Cde Nujoma and new governor of Omusati region Cde Sophia shaningwa, cde Elish Ngurare and all SWAPO leaders. cdes let's enjoy our holiday at different places but don't forget that even you are on holiday you are still a Cde. SWAPO napangele. viva SWAPO party! let's keep communicate 0816104895. i am cde Kapiye at okahandja. i thank you.

◆ Posted by cde Kanamutenta, whk

Whatever it maybe, I personally thing some people like talk too much about others, but whne it comes to them they forgot to see what they are trying to achieve, with time will tell to see the SAfrican_Namibian imposed lady Gwen leave for other to take party "Editor for the Namibian paper"

◆ Posted by Gloria Guruses

Viva SWAPO PARTY, THE VICTORY DID NOT COME AS A SUPRISE, BUT POLITICAL PROJECTS ARE IN A BIG SHOCK, "castle in the sky", aluta continua!!!

◆ Posted by Abdul Malik, Malaysia

So, Lady Gwen would like to finally hand over to Maletsky, as I am, hereby, speculating? Accrding to The Namibian Rambler, The Namibian newspaper is, at long last, looking for a suitable editor (SWAPO loving people need not apply) with a good 12 years experience! Yer, you read it right, 12 good years of experience. I can boast that I foresaw that Lady Gwen was grooming that guy, because we all noticed how the guy metamorphosed from a journalist to an opinionated-editor-in-waiting, the amount of opinionation that started coming out from the guy was just staggering, it is like somebody has been dying to freely express himself for such a long time that the chance came at last! Now I fully understand the real reasons. I am, thus, predicting that Maletsky will become the next male editor of The Namibian, after having been

in the hands of that capable lady since its establishment some 25 years ago. Time flies yong. I am sure the lady needs rest. I wish her all the best in her retirement. I hope she is not going to run The Namibian from behind the scene, since retirement is supposed to mean, retire! Or is there something else?

◆ Posted by Cde kapiye Timotheus

Cogratulation to all appointed govonors keep it up cdes. cde sophia Shaningwa transfered to Omusati region and cde samuele Nujoma transfered to khomas region, cdes proceed where the other cdes end. i wish you a success in your duty in the new offices. may GOD bless you cdes. i am cde kapiye Okahandja.

◆ Posted by CDE FLAVIO

Comrades, whatever problem facing this country can only be resolved by the people of the land. We read in the local newspapers, about the high unemployment and skill shortages in the country. But the question remained to be answered, how do you have these two occur concurrently? Previously solutions have been suggested that we need to prioritize the resources we have so that we address the critical challenges facing us in the medium term. Let the government do a proper survey in conjunction with the private sectors and identified those critical fields. The Government should also put some policies, for instance certain percentage of these companies revenue to be used in skill developments. The University of Namibia supposed to have a person who go out there and look for scholarships for the upcoming students and get the opportunities to study those critical fields abroad. We have to ask ourselves how many graduates we are producing every year specifically in those critical shortages. We should find genuine solutions for long term sustainability. Hoping that foreign experts will address the skill shortage in Namibia is not a long term solution. As a nation, we need to engage in finding sustainable solutions with the help of the think-tank registering some of the ideas. We should not just keep talking and doing less. The home affairs need to have a systems in places where they monitor the results of work permits, because some if not all companies in Namibia are merely focussing on making profit but fewer who really look at the transferring of the skills

to the Namibian people. If there are no genuine monitoring mechanisms, then we as a nation will not move forward. Hard work is now!

◆ Posted by Cde, Kanamutenya, whk

Congratulations to all appointed governors! We hope comrades you gone development yours respect regions and bring the central government closer to the people, we are all gone salutes and will help you in all your programmes! Together we can develop our beloved Namibia. VIVA cde PRESIDENT Hifikepunye Pohamba! VIVA SWAPO, VIVA NAMIBIA, ONE NAMIBIA ONE NATION! Together we can make it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

◆ Posted by Cde, Kanamutenya, whk

Rural development and empowerment must be the priority of the elected comrade's councilors, not toilets costing thousands but we want to see sport complexes for the young to have future and the extension of roads to a high way mostly Windhoek-Okahandja, Ondangwa-Oshakati and Swakopmund-Walvisbay to start off.

◆ Posted by cde kanamutenya, whk

The comrades elected councilors at Omusati and Ohangwena regions, next thing we want to see is Sport stadium in Eenhana and Outapi, remember sport unite and we want to see that next star rallies in Outapi and Eenhana are held in a shielded Modern Stadium!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

◆ Posted by Ileni Gebhardt

Viva SWAPO, Viva

◆ Posted by Cde. Shinedima

Comrades this victory comes with a big responsibility. A responsibility of improving the standard of living in our beautiful country. This victory should not turn into a creation of an elite group with a self-enrichment agenda. Let every namibian enjoy the fruits of freedom, the fruits of standing in the sun waiting to mark his X for the Swapo party. Its about time we turn the rhetoric into reality. Let us implement our developmental policies and objectives. Swapo is the only party in Namibia that can achieve that but we need committed civil servants, from the president to the cleaner. Working together we can achieve a lot. Phambili Swapo ya Namibia Phambili.



Zoom In

By Asser Ntinda



The WikiLeaks allegations that Namibia has "allowed 5000 Chinese nationals to be resettled" in Namibia as part of "payments" for a Chinese loan on which the government has "defaulted" have created some sensational headlines. The sensation with which some local media houses treated the allegations only reveals how media houses have stooped so low. The allegations were too ridiculous and laughable, to be believed.

Surely, government cannot practically and quietly resettle 5000 Chinese families in Namibia without anyone noticing it. That is resettlement on a massive scale and could never escape our eyes. Instead of treating the allegations as utter rubbish, they were given prominence and front page coverage to depict the SWAPO Party government in bad light, especially after SWAPO Party's cruise to a landslide victory in the Regional and Local Authority elections last month.

No serious questions were asked by such media houses concerned. Someone could have simply asked where those Chinese were resettled. Namibia is a small country and no resettlement on such a massive scale could take place unnoticed. It is the first time in my life that I hear a government "resettles" people instead of paying back the loan. No sane leader would ever entertain such an offer, and to reduce our leaders to such levels is disgusting, if not insulting.

Regurgitating media reports and taking them as serious is none other Phil ya Nangoloh of NAMRIGHTS, who was quoted by the Voice of America this week as saying that "this is not so much a surprise to us. It is a shock." Not to be outshone, the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, joined the bandwagon, claiming that they were "shocked, though not surprised" by the allegations. What is interesting here is that RDP and Ya Nangoloh sing similar verses from the same Hymn. They are not really strange bedfellows!

RDP's tantrums can be expected, especially when one looks at the fact that the party has just emerged from a bruising defeat in the last regional and local authority elections. It will follow any spark, however insignificant, that paints the SWAPO Party government in bad light. To use such far-fetched allegations, as RDP did, to prove that SWAPO Party "has lost vision" is the worst elementary piece of political nonsense to end a year with to end a year with.

That is exactly why RDP performed very badly in the last elections. Its leadership is incapable of sifting facts from fictions. Whatever little rumour it lays its hands on, it just believes. This is lamentable indeed. RDP's Deputy Secretary for Information and Publicity, Nghiningilwandubo Kashume, should know that Hidipo Hamutenya had held three key cabinet portfolios since independence – Information and Broadcasting, Trade and Industry, and lastly Foreign Affairs. He was also chairman of various sensitive cabinet committees which could have approved such a resettlement.

With those key positions, resettlement of Chinese nationals on a massive scale like that could not have escapade his eyes. Had it been true, he could have used it as a central plank for his election campaign. What Chinese loan is Namibia not able to pay that is worth 5000 Chinese families? Loans are granted with clear modalities on how they should be paid back, and in an event when one party fails to honour its obligations, provisions are included in such agreements and the way forward. As former Trade and Industry as well as Foreign Affairs Minister, Hidipo should know better.

I fully agree with Prime Minister Nahas Angula when he assured Namibians that their present and future welfare was among government's major priorities, and it would not jeopardize the welfare of its citizens by entering into agreements that would impact negatively on its people's livelihood. The allegations are unsubstantiated and will remain just that – mere fabrications.

Statistics shows that only five Chinese have acquired Namibian citizenship since independence. How does that compare with the 5000 figure provided by Ambassador Josia Rosenblatt? China is not looking for a country to resettle its people. If that was the case, it could have done it with other countries as well, not just with Namibia.

China's trade agreements with African countries offer more benefits than European ones. Look at how stalled the negotiations on EPAs – Economic Partnership Agreements – are with Europe! In fact, Europe, through the European Union, EU, is not dealing with Africa in good faith at all. Some African leaders have already charged that EU has a "hidden agenda" with its EPAs and are looking to China.

Diplomatic and economic relations between China and Namibia are excellent, and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. Of course there are dark forces out there which do not want China to cooperate with Africa and will create conditions that foster suspicions – thus souring Africa-China relationship. I would not be surprised if Rosenblatt is not one of such forces?

China has just devised eight new measures to strengthen China-Africa cooperation and take it to new heights. As Chinese Ambassador to Namibia, Wei Ruixing, once said: "We are confident that, with continued and concerted efforts of both sides, the eight new measures will be another impetus for the deepening of China-Namibia all-weather friendship."

To cut a long story short, there is nothing scandalous about Namibia-China relationship. The only scandal there is has been the reporting itself.

